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Response to Office Action dated May 2, 2005 and Notice of
Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 17, 2005

REMARKS

By this Response, Claims 1 and 5-11 were amended, no claims were canceled and Claims 19-25 were added. Accordingly, Claims 1-25 remain pending for further examination. Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the above-identified amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Previously Filed Amendment and Reply:

In Applicants' Amendment and Reply filed August 26, 2005, an amendment to Claim 1 inadvertently omitted a clause that is intended to be deleted from the claim. The Examiner identified this omission in a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 17, 2005.

Accordingly, Applicants resubmit their previous amendment to the claims in the above complete listing of the pending claims. The listing now includes the deleted clause inadvertently omitted from Claim 1 as filed on August 26, 2005. Applicants have not resubmitted amendments to the Specification and Drawings included in the August 26, 2005 Amendment and Reply as they are believed redundant.

As noted above, the amendments, arguments and remarks made previously are repeated and incorporated by reference herein and, in particular, the substance of the Amendment and Reply filed August 26, 2005, except where inconsistent with the now pending claims as reflected in the current complete listing of claims included herein.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues relating to this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' Representative at the number listed below.

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While Applicants believe no fees are due with the filing of this Response, please charge any deficiencies in fees associated with this filing to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 503342.

Respectfully submitted,

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